

**MINUTES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMON COUNCIL
JANUARY 10, 2000
REGULAR SESSION**

The Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana met in regular session on Monday, January 10, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 20 North 6th Street, Lafayette, Indiana.

President Rhoda called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag of our Country.

The following members were:

Present: Boehning, Klink, Meyer, Probasco, Campbell, Brown, Fisher, Roswarski, Rhoda

Absent: None

The Clerk stated that there was a quorum present.

City Clerk Lisa Decker and City Attorney Eric Burns were present.

Councilman Campbell moved to recess for a public hearing on Ordinance 99-46, Councilman Probasco seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Joseph Bumbleburg, representing the petitioner, stated that he was present to answer questions. There was no public input. Councilman Campbell moved to reconvene the regular session, Councilman Fisher seconded. The motion to reconvene passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Probasco moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 1999 regular session, Councilman Fisher seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk stated that there were no Presentations or Disposal of Claims or Presentations of Petitions or Communications.

The Clerk stated that the following reports are available in the Clerk's Office:

Clerk's Office Monthly Report– November 1999
Controller's Office Monthly Report – November 1999
Motor Vehicle Report – November 1999
Police Traffic Report – November 1999
Miscellaneous Monthly Department Reports

Ordinances for Second Reading:

The Clerk read Ordinance 99-46 (An Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of the Public Way in the City of Lafayette, Indiana, Petitioner, Daniel C. Terry and Beth Ann Terry) by title only for second and final reading. Councilman Campbell moved for passage, Councilman Probasco seconded. Joseph Bumbleburg, representing the petitioners, briefly explained the proposal. Ordinance 99-46 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 99-50 (An Ordinance Establishing the Budget for the Lafayette Railroad Relocation Project for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2000 and ending December 31, 2000)

by title only for second and final reading. Councilman Meyer moved for passage, Councilman Brown seconded. Councilman Probasco moved to table Ordinance 99-50 until February 7, 2000, Councilman Klink seconded. The motion to table Ordinance 99-50 passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Campbell moved to set a public hearing on Ordinance 99-50 for February 7, 2000, at 7:01 p.m., Councilman Probasco seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 99-51 (An Ordinance Amending the 1998 Salary Ordinance to Create the Positions of Assistant Project Manager/Architect and Contracts Coordinator and Salary Adjustments within the Railroad Relocation Department) by title only for second and final reading. Councilman Probasco moved for passage, Councilman Meyer seconded. Ordinance 99-51 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Ordinances for First Reading:

The Clerk read Ordinance 99-52 (An Ordinance Amending Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Ordinance No. 97-51 being the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County, Amendment 15) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Fisher moved for passage, Councilman Probasco seconded. Ordinance 99-52 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Resolutions:

The Clerk read Resolution 2000-1 (A Resolution Adopting the Rynalco Area Annexation Summary and Fiscal Plan) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Meyer moved for passage, Councilman Klink seconded. Eric Burns explained the resolution. Discussion ensued. Sherry McLauchlan, Redevelopment Director, further explained the proposal. Mayor Heath stated that the General Assembly looked into annexation for many years and made changes in 1999, and stated that the process for voluntary annexations is the same as involuntary. Resolution 2000-1 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Resolution 2000-2 (A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana, Approving an Order of the Tippecanoe County Area Planning Commission, Approving a Certain Declaratory Resolution and Economic Development Plan Adopted by the City of Lafayette Redevelopment Commission) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Fisher moved for passage, Councilman Klink seconded. Sherry McLauchlan explained the proposal. Resolution 2000-2 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Resolution 2000-3 (A Resolution Ratifying and Approving the Designation of an Economic Revitalization Area for Tax Abatement, TRW, Inc.) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Klink moved for passage, Councilman Boehning seconded. Tom Sullivan, TRW, Inc. Plant Manager, explained the request for tax abatement. Mike Brooks, Greater Lafayette Progress, spoke in favor of the proposal. Councilman Meyer inquired about the length of the previous tax abatement for TRW, Inc. and the impact of tax abatement in TIF district. Mr. Brooks stated that in the central TIF it is an appropriate request. Councilman Fisher and Councilman Klink spoke in favor of the proposal. Mr. Brooks reiterated TRW's desire to conduct plant tours to council members. Councilman Meyer stated that he supports TRW but expressed his concern to have consistency in granting tax abatements. Councilman Campbell stated that he is concerned about keeping jobs in our community and supports this tax abatement. Councilman Fisher spoke favorably regarding tax abatements. Resolution 2000-3 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Councilman Campbell moved to set a public hearing on Resolution 2000-3 for February 7, 2000, at 7:02 p.m., Councilman Probasco seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk read Resolution 2000-4 (A Resolution Establishing Emergency Snow Routes in the City of Lafayette) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Probasco moved for passage, Councilman Brown seconded. Councilman Fisher had several questions regarding snow plowing by the State of Indiana. Mayor Heath explained the proposal and encouraged support. Councilman Campbell inquired about limiting parking in residential areas. Councilman Roswarski stated that he has information regarding parking in residential areas and that he would discuss the information with the Street Commissioner. Councilman Klink stated that the Parking Commission had discussed the issue. Councilman Probasco inquired about the procedures for sending vehicles out to remove snow. Butch Worthington, Street Commissioner, further explained the resolution and the need for snow routes in emergency situations. Resolution 2000-4 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Reports of Standing or Special Committees: Councilman Meyer stated that since committee assignments have been made he would convene an Ordinance Committee meeting to discuss the noise ordinance.

Miscellaneous and New Business: Councilman Probasco moved to reappoint Garry Smith and Bill Powers to the Redevelopment Commission for one year terms, Councilman Fisher seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Councilman Fisher moved to appoint President Rhoda to the Area Plan Commission, Councilman Campbell seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Councilman Klink moved to confirm Mayor Heath's 4-year appointments of Jim Julian and Bob Carpenter to the Parking Commission, Councilman Boehning seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Councilman Meyer moved to confirm Mayor Heath's appointments of Jeff Darling, Sandra Highbaugh, Diane Mills, Eric Muller, Joel Wright to the Human Relations Commission, Councilman Roswarski seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Rhoda stated that a neighborhood meeting with Walgreen Drug Store will be set up and City Clerk Lisa Decker will inform each council member and the neighborhood representative of the date of the meeting.

Reports of Councilmen: Councilman Fisher acknowledged the increased recycling efforts in the City of Lafayette and commended the sanitation department for all of their hard work.

Councilman Roswarski inquired about the first on-site environmental consultation with Staley's pursuant to an agreement with the City of Lafayette. Mr. Burns stated that he would notify council members when the visit is scheduled and will inquire about the possibility of council members attending the on-site visit.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Campbell moved to adjourn, Councilman Fisher seconded. The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous voice vote. Time being 7:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Lisa Decker, City Clerk.

A tape recording of this council meeting is maintained in the City Clerk's Office.